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APPLICANTS: Bottcher *et al.*
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TITLE: MEDICAL STENT WITH VARIABLE COIL AND RELATED
METHODS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Except for References A1, A358, A359, B16, B37, B40-B42, and B49-B50, copies of the patents and publications are not enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d) because they were submitted to or cited by the Patent Office in earlier-filed U.S.S.N. 09/981,634, which is relied upon for an earlier effective filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120.

On information and belief, in either September or November, 2000, prior to the filing of this application, the two co-inventors, Benjamin Bottcher (an employee of Boston Scientific Corporation) and Michael Grasso (a medical doctor affiliated with NYU Medical Center), met with each other. At their meeting, Michael Grasso disclosed to Benjamin Bottcher a certain end coil for a ureteral stent, an example of which is shown in FIG. 1 of this application. Benjamin Bottcher suggested combining this coil with a stent having two ends of different hardness. An example of the combination is shown in FIG. 1 of this application. After the above-identified patent application was filed, both of the co-inventors executed a specific assignment for this application, making Scimed Life Systems, Inc. the owner (Boston Scientific Corporation is the controlling corporation of Scimed Life Systems, Inc.).

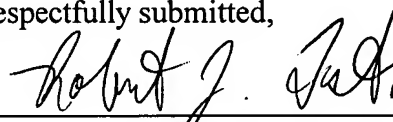
Also, a stent having a softer end and a harder end was offered for sale by Boston Scientific Corporation as the Polaris™ ureteral stent on or about April 9, 2001.

Additionally, Applicants hereby make of record the existence of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/032,712 (Reference A1), which was filed on October 24, 2001, and which claims the benefit of and priority to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/280,809, which was filed on April 2, 2001.

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	A3	256,590	4/18/1882	Pfarre			12/19/1881
	A4	386,603	7/24/1888	Parsons			10/11/1887
	A5	559,620	5/5/1896	Shearer			5/16/1895
	A6	1,211,928	1/9/17	Fisher			3/25/16
	A7	2,257,369	9/30/41	Davis			10/21/39
	A8	3,087,493	4/30/63	Schossow			4/27/60
	A9	3,314,430	4/18/67	Alley <i>et al.</i>			6/22/64
	A10	3,359,974	12/26/67	Khalil			10/7/63
	A11	3,394,705	7/30/68	Abramson			10/22/65
	A12	3,437,088	4/8/69	Bielinski			12/1/66
	A13	3,485,234	12/23/69	Stevens			4/13/66
	A14	3,593,713	7/20/71	Bogoff <i>et al.</i>			7/12/68
	A15	3,612,050	10/12/71	Sheridan			4/1/69
	A16	3,633,579	1/11/72	Alley <i>et al.</i>			3/13/69
	A17	3,726,281	4/10/73	Norton <i>et al.</i>			12/8/71
	A18	3,746,003	7/17/73	Blake <i>et al.</i>			9/23/71
	A19	3,788,326	1/29/74	Jacobs			8/3/72
	A20	3,828,767	8/13/74	Spiroff			10/29/73
	A21	3,902,492	9/2/75	Greenhalgh			5/14/74
	A22	3,906,954	9/23/75	Baehr <i>et al.</i>			9/14/73
	A23	3,920,023	11/18/75	Dye <i>et al.</i>			03/21/74
	A24	3,995,623	12/7/76	Blake <i>et al.</i>			2/11/76

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	A27	4,065,264	12/27/77	Lewin			5/10/76
	A28	4,069,814	1/24/78	Clemens			5/6/76
	A29	4,096,860	6/27/78	McLaughlin			10/8/75
	A30	4,099,528	6/11/78	Sorenson <i>et al.</i>			2/17/77
	A31	4,100,246	7/11/78	Frisch			6/21/76
	A32	4,129,129	12/12/78	Amrine			3/18/77
	A33	4,134,402	1/16/79	Marhurkar			6/5/77
	A34	4,138,288	2/6/79	Lewin			12/23/77
	A35	4,138,457	2/6/79	Rudd <i>et al.</i>			8/13/76
	A36	4,144,884	3/20/79	Tersteegen <i>et al.</i>			3/17/77
	A37	4,149,535	4/17/79	Volder			5/6/77
	A38	4,168,703	9/25/79	Kenigsberg			7/18/77
	A39	4,173,981	11/13/79	Mortensen			5/23/77
	A40	4,180,068	12/25/79	Jacobsen <i>et al.</i>			4/13/78
	A41	4,182,739	1/8/80	Curtis			1/9/78
	A42	4,183,961	1/15/80	Curtis			7/21/77
	A43	4,202,332	5/13/80	Tersteegen <i>et al.</i>			1/5/78
	A44	4,203,436	5/20/80	Grimsrud			3/28/78
	A45	4,204,541	5/27/80	Kapitanov			1/3/78
	A46	4,212,304	7/15/80	Finney			4/7/78
	A47	4,217,895	8/19/80	Sagae <i>et al.</i>			5/26/78
	A48	4,223,676	9/23/80	Wuchinich <i>et al.</i>			12/19/77
	A49	4,236,520	12/2/80	Anderson			12/4/78

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	A52	4,257,416	3/24/81	Prager			5/3/79
	A53	4,270,535	6/2/81	Bogue <i>et al.</i>			10/18/79
	A54	4,307,723	12/29/81	Finney			2/8/80
	A55	4,327,722	5/4/82	Groshong <i>et al.</i>			8/20/79
	A56	4,334,327	6/15/82	Lyman <i>et al.</i>			12/21/79
	A57	4,385,631	5/31/83	Uthmann			3/18/81
	A58	4,385,635	5/31/83	Ruiz			5/15/81
	A59	4,403,983	9/13/83	Edelman <i>et al.</i>			11/6/81
	A60	4,405,313	9/20/83	Sisley <i>et al.</i>			1/29/82
	A61	4,405,314	9/20/83	Cope			4/19/82
	A62	4,406,656	9/27/83	Hattler <i>et al.</i>			6/1/81
	A63	4,413,989	11/8/83	Schjeldahl <i>et al.</i>			8/17/81
	A64	4,419,094	12/6/83	Patel			6/8/81
	A65	DES 272,651	2/14/84	Marhurkar			11/2/81
	A66	4,443,333	4/17/84	Marhurkar			9/24/81
	A67	4,451,252	5/29/84	Martin			7/24/81
	A68	4,456,000	6/26/84	Schjeldahl <i>et al.</i>			8/24/83
	A69	4,484,585	11/27/84	Baier			9/2/82
	A70	4,493,696	1/15/85	Uldall			5/4/84
	A71	4,504,264	3/12/85	Kelman			9/24/82
	A72	RE 31,873	4/30/85	Howes			1/19/83
	A73	4,531,933	7/30/85	Norton <i>et al.</i>			12/7/82
	A74	4,540,402	9/10/85	Aigner			4/20/83

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	A77	4,559,046	12/17/85	Groshong <i>et al.</i>			7/28/83
	A78	4,563,170	1/7/86	Aigner			7/29/83
	A79	4,563,181	1/7/86	Wijayarathna <i>et al.</i>			2/18/83
	A80	4,568,329	2/4/86	Marhurkar			10/1/84
	A81	4,568,338	2/4/86	Todd			9/22/83
	A82	4,581,012	4/8/86	Brown <i>et al.</i>			12/5/84
	A83	4,583,968	4/22/86	Marhurkar			8/15/84
	A84	4,596,548	6/24/86	DeVries <i>et al.</i>			3/25/85
	A85	4,601,697	7/22/86	Mammolenti <i>et al.</i>			12/7/84
	A86	4,601,701	7/22/86	Mueller, Jr.			2/25/85
	A87	4,608,993	9/2/86	Albert			7/31/84
	A88	4,610,657	9/9/86	Densow			8/30/85
	A89	4,619,643	10/28/86	Bai			6/18/84
	A90	4,623,327	11/18/86	Marhurkar			2/12/85
	A91	4,626,240	12/2/86	Edelman <i>et al.</i>			9/8/83
	A92	4,641,652	2/10/87	Hutterer <i>et al.</i>			4/10/85
	A93	4,643,711	2/17/87	Bates			5/25/84
	A94	4,643,716	2/17/87	Drach			5/15/86
	A95	4,648,865	3/10/87	Aigner			1/11/85
	A96	4,655,771	4/7/87	Wallstén			4/11/83
	A97	4,661,396	4/28/87	Andorf <i>et al.</i>			10/4/85
	A98	4,662,404	5/5/87	LeVeen <i>et al.</i>			5/15/81
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	A102	4,682,978	7/28/87	Martin			5/15/85
	A103	4,687,471	8/18/87	Twardowski <i>et al.</i>			2/6/86
	A104	4,692,141	9/8/87	Marhurkar			1/29/86
	A105	4,694,838	9/22/87	Wijayarthna <i>et al.</i>			1/23/85
	A106	4,713,049	12/15/87	Carter			8/5/86
	A107	4,722,725	2/2/88	Sawyer <i>et al.</i>			5/11/87
	A108	4,732,152	3/22/88	Wallstén <i>et al.</i>			8/4/86
	A109	4,737,146	4/12/88	Amaki <i>et al.</i>			4/20/87
	A110	4,738,667	4/19/88	Galloway			11/4/86
	A111	4,739,768	4/26/88	Engelson			6/2/86
	A112	4,747,840	5/31/88	Ladika <i>et al.</i>			9/17/86
	A113	4,753,640	6/28/88	Nichols <i>et al.</i>			10/6/86
	A114	4,755,176	7/5/88	Patel			6/11/87
	A115	4,769,005	9/6/88	Ginsburg <i>et al.</i>			8/6/87
	A116	4,770,652	9/13/88	Marhurkar			7/18/86
	A117	4,772,268	9/20/88	Bates			11/3/86
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	A119	4,775,371	10/4/88	Mueller, Jr.			9/2/86
	A120	4,776,841	10/11/88	Catalano			9/11/86
	A121	4,787,884	11/29/88	Goldberg			9/1/87
	A122	4,790,809	12/13/88	Kuntz			5/14/87
	A123	4,790,810	12/13/88	Pugh, Jr. <i>et al.</i>			11/4/85
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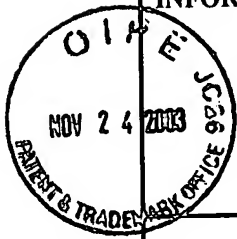
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	A129	4,820,262	4/11/89	Finney			12/12/85
	A130	4,822,345	4/18/89	Danforth			3/16/88
	A131	4,838,881	6/13/89	Bennett			9/29/88
	A132	4,842,582	6/27/89	Marhurkar			4/19/88
	A133	4,842,590	6/27/89	Tanabe <i>et al.</i>			6/2/88
	A134	4,846,791	7/11/89	Hattler <i>et al.</i>			9/2/88
	A135	4,846,814	7/11/89	Ruiz			4/4/88
	A136	4,863,442	9/5/89	DeMello <i>et al.</i>			9/14/87
	A137	4,874,360	10/17/89	Goldberg <i>et al.</i>			7/1/88
	A138	4,887,996	12/19/89	Bengmark			8/28/87
	A139	4,888,146	12/19/89	Dandeneau			5/19/88
	A140	4,894,057	1/16/90	Howes			6/19/87
	A141	4,895,561	1/23/90	Marhurkar			5/16/88
	A142	4,913,683	4/3/90	Gregory			7/5/88
	A143	4,931,037	6/5/90	Wetterman			10/13/88
	A144	4,950,228	8/21/90	Knapp, Jr. <i>et al.</i>			1/10/90
	A145	4,954,126	9/4/90	Wallsten			3/28/89
	A146	4,960,409	10/2/90	Catalano			10/5/88
	A147	4,960,411	10/2/90	Buchbinder			6/30/88
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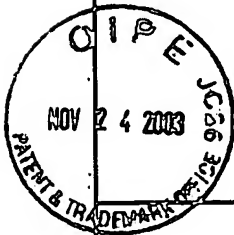
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	A152	4,978,341	12/18/90	Niederhauser			4/6/89
	A153	4,981,482	1/1/91	Ichikawa			5/10/89
	A154	4,985,022	1/15/91	Fearnot <i>et al.</i>			11/23/88
	A155	4,986,814	1/22/91	Burney <i>et al.</i>			6/13/88
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	A164	5,013,296	5/7/91	Buckberg <i>et al.</i>			9/21/89
	A165	5,019,102	5/28/91	Hoene			12/7/88
	A166	5,026,377	6/25/91	Burton <i>et al.</i>			8/17/90
	A167	5,029,580	7/9/91	Radford <i>et al.</i>			7/18/90
	A168	5,041,083	8/20/91	Tsuchida <i>et al.</i>			6/25/88
	A169	5,053,004	10/1/91	Markel <i>et al.</i>			8/24/90
	A170	5,053,023	10/1/91	Martin			2/25/91
	A171	5,057,073	10/15/91	Martin			6/26/90
	A172	5,061,275	10/29/91	Wallstén <i>et al.</i>			12/29/89
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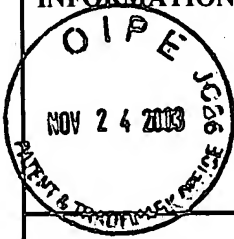
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	A177	5,129,910	7/14/92	Phan <i>et al.</i>			7/26/91
	A178	5,135,487	8/4/92	Morrill <i>et al.</i>			5/1/91
	A179	5,135,599	8/4/92	Martin <i>et al.</i>			3/13/91
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	A182	5,149,330	9/22/92	Brightbill			1/10/91
	A183	5,156,592	10/20/92	Martin <i>et al.</i>			4/4/91
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	A185	5,156,857	10/20/92	Wang <i>et al.</i>			6/17/91
	A186	5,160,325	11/3/92	Nichols <i>et al.</i>			1/22/91
	A187	5,167,623	12/1/92	Cianci <i>et al.</i>			12/27/90
	A188	5,171,216	12/15/92	Dasse <i>et al.</i>			11/4/91
	A189	5,176,625	1/5/93	Brisson			10/25/90
	A190	5,176,626	1/5/93	Soehendra			1/15/92
	A191	5,178,803	1/12/93	Tsuchida <i>et al.</i>			3/7/91
	A192	5,188,593	2/23/93	Martin			8/7/91
	A193	5,190,520	3/2/93	Fenton, Jr. <i>et al.</i>			10/10/90
	A194	5,195,962	3/23/93	Martin <i>et al.</i>			12/22/88
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	A199	5,221,253	6/22/93	Coll			5/20/92

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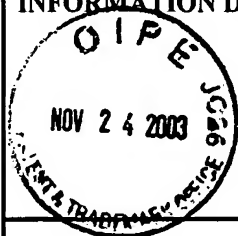
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	A207	5,246,445	9/21/93	Yachia <i>et al.</i>			1/24/92
	A208	5,250,038	10/5/93	Melker <i>et al.</i>			10/9/92
	A209	5,261,879	11/16/93	Brill			9/3/92
	A210	5,269,802	12/14/93	Garber			9/10/91
	A211	5,275,597	1/4/94	Higgins <i>et al.</i>			5/18/92
	A212	5,279,560	1/18/94	Morrill <i>et al.</i>			12/23/91
	A213	5,282,784	2/1/94	Willard			10/9/91
	A214	5,292,305	3/8/94	Boudewijn <i>et al.</i>			9/1/92
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	A218	5,308,342	5/3/94	Sepetka <i>et al.</i>			8/7/91
	A219	5,318,532	6/7/94	Frassica			12/3/92
	A220	5,324,274	6/28/94	Martin			3/30/92
	A221	5,330,449	7/19/94	Prichard <i>et al.</i>			2/24/93
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	A228	5,348,536	9/20/94	Young <i>et al.</i>			8/2/93
	A229	5,354,263	10/11/94	Coll			6/21/93
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	A231	5,356,423	10/18/94	Tihon <i>et al.</i>			4/22/93
	A232	5,356,424	10/18/94	Buzerak <i>et al.</i>			2/5/93
	A233	5,358,689	10/25/94	Jones <i>et al.</i>			4/15/93
	A234	5,360,397	11/1/94	Pinchuk			7/2/93
	A235	5,364,340	11/15/94	Coll			7/2/93
	A236	5,364,344	11/15/94	Beattie <i>et al.</i>			10/22/93
	A237	5,366,464	11/22/94	Belknap			7/22/93
	A238	5,372,600	12/13/94	Beyar <i>et al.</i>			5/10/93
	A239	5,374,245	12/20/94	Marhurkar			4/28/93
	A240	5,378,230	1/3/95	Marhurkar			11/1/93
	A241	5,380,270	1/10/95	Ahmadzadeh			12/9/91
	A242	5,380,276	1/10/95	Miller <i>et al.</i>			2/28/94
	A243	5,383,928	1/24/95	Scott <i>et al.</i>			8/19/93
	A244	5,391,196	2/21/95	Devonec			6/18/93
	A245	5,395,316	3/7/95	Martin			8/11/93
	A246	5,399,172	3/21/95	Martin <i>et al.</i>			6/23/94
	A247	5,401,257	3/28/95	Chevalier, Jr. <i>et al.</i>			4/27/93
	A248	5,403,291	4/4/95	Abrahamson			8/2/93
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	A253	5,411,490	5/2/95	Tennican <i>et al.</i>			4/20/94
	A254	5,440,327	8/8/95	Stevens			7/28/92
	A255	5,445,624	8/29/95	Jimenez			1/21/94
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	A257	5,451,206	9/19/95	Young			9/20/94
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	A259	5,470,322	11/28/95	Horzewski <i>et al.</i>			4/15/94
	A260	5,472,417	12/5/95	Martin <i>et al.</i>			3/3/94
	A261	5,472,432	12/5/95	Martin			6/23/94
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	A264	5,484,424	1/16/96	Cottenceau <i>et al.</i>			11/16/93
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	A271	5,520,697	5/28/96	Lindenberg <i>et al.</i>			1/12/95
	A272	5,522,807	6/4/96	Luther			9/7/94
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	A277	5,542,937	8/6/96	Chee <i>et al.</i>			6/24/94
	A278	5,553,665	9/10/96	Gentry			1/10/95
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	A287	5,571,093	11/5/96	Cruz <i>et al.</i>			9/21/94
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	A292	5,622,665	4/22/97	Wang			6/2/95
	A293	5,624,413	4/29/97	Markel <i>et al.</i>			2/23/96
	A294	5,630,794	5/20/97	Lax <i>et al.</i>			9/23/94
	A295	5,632,734	5/27/97	Galel <i>et al.</i>			10/10/95
	A296	5,639,278	6/17/97	Dereume <i>et al.</i>			11/13/95
	A297	5,643,222	7/1/97	Marhurkar			6/23/95
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	A304	5,676,697	10/14/97	McDonald			7/29/96
	A305	5,681,274	10/28/97	Perkins <i>et al.</i>			3/31/95
	A306	5,683,640	11/4/97	Miller <i>et al.</i>			10/11/94
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	A318	5,762,630	6/9/98	Bley <i>et al.</i>			12/23/96
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	A324	5,792,105	8/11/98	Lin <i>et al.</i>			9/11/96


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	A329	5,830,179	11/3/98	Mikus <i>et al.</i>			4/9/96
	A330	5,830,184	11/3/98	Basta			3/6/96
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	A332	5,836,925	11/17/98	Soltesz			3/27/97
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	A352	5,984,907	11/16/99	McGee <i>et al.</i>			6/5/95
	A353	6,007,478	12/28/99	Siess <i>et al.</i>			11/13/97
	A354	6,019,789	2/1/00	Dinh <i>et al.</i>			4/1/98
	A355	6,033,413	3/7/00	Mikus <i>et al.</i>			4/20/98
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	A357	6,139,536	10/31/00	Mikus <i>et al.</i>			7/26/99
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	B13	WO 98/56313	12/17/98	PCT			6/12/98		Y
	B14	WO 99/39661	8/12/99	PCT			2/5/99		Y
	B15	WO 99/49811	10/7/99	PCT			3/25/99		Y
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	B18	1,508,959	12/4/67	FR			1/21/66		Y
	B19	2,259,865	6/12/74	DE			12/7/72	English	N
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	B26	0,079,719 A1	5/25/83	EP			11/3/82		Y
	B27	1,150,122	7/19/83	CA			4/16/80		Y
	B28	2,530,958 A1	2/3/84	FR			7/29/82	English	N
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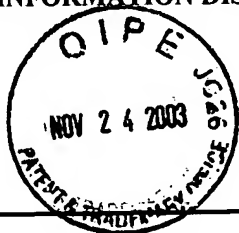
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